

OSPIRG 'Rock-A-Thon' raises money, awareness

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Wrapped in blankets and their thickest winter jackets, 15 OSPIRG volunteers braved freezing temperatures for 24 hours last weekend to draw attention to and raise funds for the homeless.

The "Rock-a-Thon," which started on 10 a.m. Friday and ended 10 a.m. Saturday, had volunteers sitting in rocking chairs for three to five hour shifts in the EMU courtyard. The Rock-a-Thon concluded a variety of activities for OSPIRG's National Hunger and Homelessness Week Nov. 13-

19. "Us spending the night here compares nothing to the homeless who have to spend 365 nights a year out in the streets," said Rachel Hewitt, OSPIRG Hunger and Homelessness coordinator.

Hewitt said volunteers raised money by soliciting donations from family and friends. Donators paid volunteers for each hour they sat in their rocking chairs.

OSPIRG will turn over the monies to the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness, a national student

group based in Boston, Massachusetts. Hewitt will not know until the end of this week how much money last weekend's event raised.

OSPIRG volunteers also collected a boxful of blankets, children's clothing and shoes.

Alongside the rocking chairs was a stack of white paper plates each containing a letter from a student or citizen protesting the University's decision to demolish Amazon housing.

"The empty plates stand for the empty promises (given by the University)," Hewitt said. By Fri-

day afternoon, 130 written plates had been collected.

"This event sends a message to rest of the campus that if you really care about something, you can do something about it," said Matt Rabin, OSPIRG campus staff member.

OSPIRG's efforts were part of a nationwide effort by 150-200 colleges across the country to raise awareness about poverty issues, Rabin said.

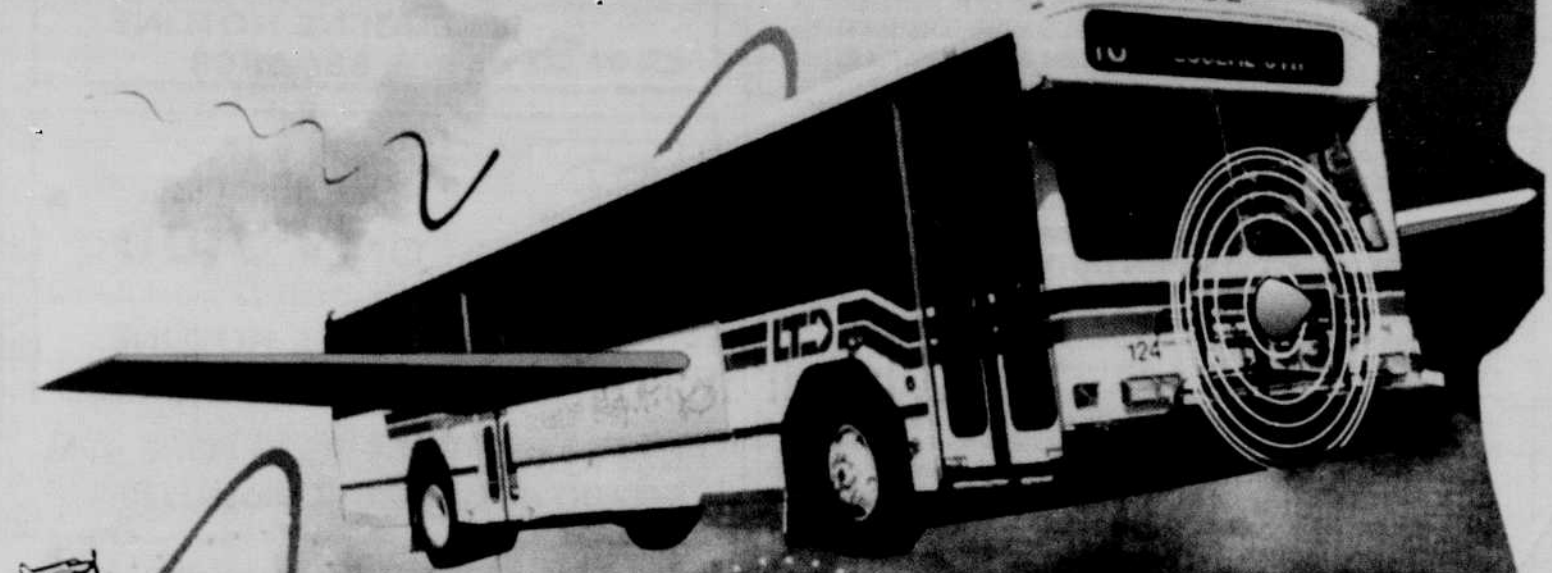
The University's efforts for National Hunger and Homeless Week included a panel discussion on local hunger problems

with Eugene politicians Cynthia Wooten and Kevin Hornbuckle.

Last Wednesday, OSPIRG and the Save Amazon Coalition staged a rally and march protesting the University's decision to demolish Amazon. Thirty students and Eugene citizens camped overnight outside of the low-income units.

Last Thursday, OSPIRG put on a hunger banquet in the Carson Gold Room. The event raised \$200 with the funds going to Oxfam, a national student group which deals with worldwide food problems.

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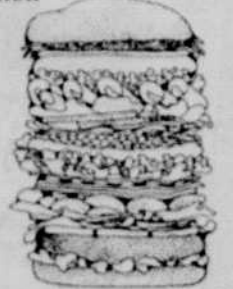
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